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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

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OFFICE OF

Pittsboro, Miss-

MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSIONER



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON



Miss Christine Smith
Roe Hill
Miss-

Do you correspond with many
young men now? Did you write Hollie?
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HOWARD DYER
COMMISSIONER

JOE B. KEITH
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Sunday-

Dearest Christine,

You've been gone three weeks today and it seems like you've been gone that many months. We've missed you so much.

I got a letter from Bernice saying she liked fine so I guess she's O.K. She has a real good place to board with fine people. A girl from Meridian teaches there and another girl rooms with Bernice so I guess she won't be lonesome -

I've been reading where there is a shortage of teachers and calls are being sent out every day. You've gotten several notices of vacancies this week. Today one came telling of a vacancy at Bogalusa a nine months' school at \$72.50 per month. Martha wrote Mr. Buckley that you had a job so I guess he'll just send you notices - so many are quitting teaching for better paying jobs - Bernice got a notice and her grades from Washington for her civil service exam. She might get a call later on as she passed. I surely

was glad she passed.

Elizabeth Ellord got a place at Vardaman teaching home ec. got the place today and school opens tomorrow. I guess she'll put in a order for the fur coat immediately.

I saw in the paper today where Emily Page had a place at Webb, I think most see the girls in your class got jobs I've seen so many names in the paper.

K.C. and kids stayed with us all Monday. I thought I'd go crazy. She and Allen both tried to aggravate me all they could. She wrote that Allen had improved. He is still in the hospital at Hot Springs.

Martha had and I am going to Memphis and Oxford next week to get Martha some glasses and some clothes in Memphis. I'm going to try to get her a suit. I have had Mrs. Gordon to order her a real cute dress with wide skirt and pretty white collar & cuffs. She has a beautiful white triple sheer to make and three school dresses. I'm going to get her a white sweater to wear with the white wool skirt you had. I guess you'd better send her dotted Swiss back. She'll need it - did you get the dress I sent?

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I'm afraid I got it too small. I'll
send you other navy things later on.
Did your grey shirt fit?
You will have your first month taught
out next Friday. I know you'll get a
thrill out of having your own money to
do what you like with. Now, listen
Christine don't you send any money
home to us we don't need it and
don't want it. I want you to save
all you don't need and maybe
you can get into something else
later on so keep your money and if
we happen to get in a tight I'll
call on you. I'm so glad you can
make something for yourself and I
don't want you to feel like you
owe us anything. You'd better
put it in some bank.

The nice girl who taught in the nursery school has a place at Leland teaching 2nd grade.

Our school opens next Monday week. The building is almost completed.

Martha hasn't heard a word from Kate so she doesn't know if Kate is going back to school.

Leon has about decided to go to Memphis and take some kind of a course in big engines. I think it has at last dawned on him that he doesn't need to be in any college - most especially Ole Miss. Mary Knox came home one week end - she barely spoke to Martha.

Katherine Hoar went home with Cleve and Eva from the picnic to try to give her a job in Clarksdale. I hope she can get something.

Martha H. wasn't home this week - she still works at C. City.

Wad goes back to work a week from tomorrow and Louisville will be his head quarters. He will have six counties and one of them will be Kemper where Bernice is. He won't be so far from you while he's in there.

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so I guess he'll go to see you - I sure am glad he isn't going back to Biloxi for he can come home every week end from Louisville.

I think it will be nice if you can go see Martha some week end but I guess it won't seem right with all your friends gone. Martha will only have one more Sunday at home. She will leave on the 9th.

Aunt Allie is with us but I think she wants to go home now. She wouldn't go back with Ivy from her picnic. She enjoyed seeing all her relatives very much.

We went to negro meeting Friday nite, even to Aunt Allie - It was fine - Wessie and Effie have been taking the tops off the house shouting. They had me on the "mercy seat" the night we were there and the preacher preached his whole sermon to him. He was

about 12 yrs old and didn't seem to be
noticing a word the man said -

We had corn, tomatoes, fried chicken
and muscadine pie for dinner
Did we write you that Martha H. had cut
her hair. She has a big front bang
and gives the swirl around the face
like you wore yours many years ago
when you went to state to the club
congress. Anyway, she looks about 10
yrs younger.

J.C. Leonard is going to trying
hatching awhile - Miss Leila won't keep
him - He's going to move into the old
log house by Miss Polk's house. All
the little boys are thrilled to death for
they think they can go to see him at
night.

you must write me everything about how
you are, your work etc. - Do you
like teaching any better? I'm sending
you Bro. Breland's notes which I know
you will think quite nice -
I hope you keep well - Take care
of your self and be good -
Lots of love
Mother